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SUBJECT: FY-76 IV NOMINATION: DR. MIN KWAN-SHIK

1. POST NOMINATES DR. MIN KWAN-SHIK, DIRECTOR OF ASIAN INSTITUTE PUBLIC POLICY, FOR THIRTY-DAY FY-76 IV GRANT (VIP) FOR CONSULTATION AND OBSERVATION, FUNCTION 210. GRANT SHOULD INCLUDE FIRST CLASS AIR TRANSPORTATION, SPECIAL PER DIEM OF \$50, AND OTHER USUAL IV GRANT BENEFITS.

2. FORMER EDUCATION MINISTER AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN FOR FOUR DIFFERENT TERMS BETWEEN 1954-67, MIN ESTABLISHED ASIAN INSTITUTE PUBLIC POLICY IN NOVEMBER 1974 FOR RESEARCH AND STUDY OF PUBLIC POLICIES INCLUDING FOREIGN POLICY OPTIONS OF KOREA AND EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES AND MAJOR POWERS WITH ASIAN INTERESTS. WITH HIS EXCELLENT BACKGROUND AND INFLUENCE, INSTITUTE HAS ALREADY CONDUCTED NUMEROUS SIGNIFICANT ACADEMIC SEMINARS. POST COLLABORATED WITH INSTITUTE IN PRESENTING SUCH NOTABLE SPEAKERS AS SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, MARSHALL SHULMAN, AND RALPH CLOUGH IN ACADEMIC SETTINGS PARTICIPATED IN BY LEADING FIGURES IN PRESS AND POLITICS AND ACADEMIA. IN POST ASSESSMENT, INSTITUTE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE IMPORTANT FORUM FOR BOTH ROK AND U.S. ACADEMICS AND POLICY MAKERS PARTICULARLY WHEN CHANNELS OF FLOW OF INFORMATION LIMITED UNDER CONTROLLED PRESS. AN IV GRANT TO MIN AT THIS TIME WILL FACILITATE EXPANDING INSTITUTE'S CONTACTS AS WELL AS MIN'S OWN WITH PROFESSIONAL

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RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS AND COLLEAGUES IN U.S. AND CONTRIBUTE

SIGNIFICANTLY TOWARD ADVANCING U.S. GOVERNMENT FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES.

3. BORN IN KAESONG, NORTH KOREA, MAY 3, 1918, MIN STUDIED AT SUWON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE (PRESENT COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY), 1937-40 AND RECEIVED B.S. IN AGRICULTURE FROM KYOTO UNIVERSITY IN 1942; RECEIVED DOCTOR OF LAW DEGREE (THESIS: THE REALITIES OF DEMOCRATIC POLITICS IN KOREA) FROM KYOTO UNIVERSITY, 1963; RECEIVED HONORARY DOCTOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM FINDLAY COLLEGE, 1974. WAS MINISTER EDUCATION, 1971-74; PRESIDENT, KOREAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, 1968-71; PRESIDENT, KOREAN AMATEUR SPORTS ASSOCIATION, 1964-71; NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN, 1954-67 (WITH BRIEF INTERRUPTION 1961-63); MEMBER OF ROK DELEGATION TO 12TH UNGA, 1957. PRESIDENT, KOREAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, 1966-PRESENT. AUTHOR OF REFORMATION AND DIRECTION OF KOREAN EDUCATION, 1974; THE ENDLESS HILLS: 2800 DAYS OF PERSEVERANCE, 1972; THE REALITIES OF DEMOCRATIC POLITICS IN KOREA (PUBLISHED IN TOKYO IN JAPANESE), 1967; A FLUNKER: MY TEN YEARS IN THE OPPOSITION AND HIDDEN ASPECTS OF POLITICS, 1961; A TRIP TO AMERICA, 1958; HOW OUR LAWS ARE MADE (TRANSLATION) BY CHARLES ZINK, 1959. VISITED U.S. IN 1955 AS LEADER GRANTEE, 1968 ON WAY BACK FROM MEXICO OLYMPICS, JANUARY 72 (ABOUT THREE WEEKS) AS MINISTER EDUCATION, TWO WEEKS IN FEBRUARY 1975 HAWAII VISITING CENTER FOR KOREAN STUDIES, UNIVERSITY HAWAII. SPEAKS FAIR ENGLISH. ESCORT INTERPRETER NOT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL BUT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF POSSIBLE.

4. MIN MAINLY INTERESTED MAJOR RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND THINK TANKS IN PUBLIC POLICY AREA, MEETING POLICY MAKERS AND SCHOLARS IN SOCIAL SCIENCE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ASIAN PROBLEMS. WISHES SPEND ONE MONTH AT EAST ASIAN INSTITUTE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY FOR RESEARCH IN "EVOLUTION OF KOREA-US-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP IN POST VIET NAM ERA" BEGINNING NOVEMBER 10 (MIN HAS ARRANGED THIS WITH MYRON L. COHEN, ACTING DIRECTOR OF EAST ASIAN INSTITUTE) AND TRAVEL FOLLOWING PLACES AT COMPLETION RESEARCH AT COLUMBIA ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 10:

WASHDC: BROOKINGS INSTITUTE; GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY (CENTER FOR SIN-SOVIET STUDIES); STATE DEPARTMENT (ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB); AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.
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CAMBRIDGE, MASS: HARVARD UNIVERSITY, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS INSTITUTE AND YENCHING INSTITUTE (WISHED MEET SAMUEL HUNTINGTON AND REISCHAUER); MIT (MEETING WITH WILLIAM GRIFFITH RECOMMENDED).

MINNEAPOLIS: UNIVERSITY MINNESOTA (DR. ROBERT J. KELLER, PROFESSOR OF HIGHER EDUCATION).

SEATTLE: UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, EAST ASIAN PROGRAM.

SAN FRANCISCO: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY (DR. SCALAPINO);
RAND CORPORATION; STANDORD UNIVERSITY (HOOVER INSTITUTE).

LOS ANGELES: UCLA AND USC.

HONOLULU: CENTER FOR KOREAN STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND
EAST-WEST CENTER.

5. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THIRTY-DAY IN GRANT COVER LATTER HALF
FIFTEEN DAYS AT COLUMBIA PLUS FIFTEEN DAYS TRAVEL FOLLOWING
COLUMBIA PROGRAM. POST UNDERSTANDS MIN FLEXIBLE ADD SEVERAL
DAYS FOR TRAVEL REDUCING COLUVBIA PROGRAM IF NECESSARY.

6. REGRET EXTREMELY SHORT LEADTIME BUT APPRECIATE PROMPT
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